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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A clamp comprising:
a saddle member having a concave saddle portion;
a U-bolt mounted on the saddle member, the U-bolt having a concave portion oriented opposed to the saddle member concave saddle portion; and
a first shim positioned between the U-bolt and the saddle member, the first shim being made of metal.

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